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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 6, 2003. The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: the combination appliance for cooling and cooking a food item as described in paragraphs [0010] through [0018]; the modular refrigeration unit comprising a base having at least a portion of which is thermally conductive as described in paragraphs [0019] through [0023]; and the refrigerated oven for cooling and cooking a food item as described in paragraphs [0024] through [0025]. The Examiner has indicated that a proper response requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and to list all claims readable thereon.


Applicants believe that claims 1-26 are readable on the species directed to the combination appliance for cooling and cooking a food item as described in paragraphs [0010] through [0018]; that class 27-37 are readable on the species directed to the modular refrigeration unit comprising a base having at least a portion of which is thermally conductive as described in paragraphs [0019] through [0023]; and that claims 38-46 are readable on the species directed to the refrigerated oven for cooling and cooking a food item as described in paragraphs [0024] through [0025].

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of claims 1-26 directed to the combination appliance for cooling and cooking a food item as described in paragraphs [0010] through [0018], with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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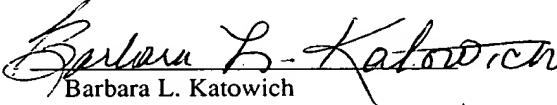


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